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## REMARKS

### Objections to the Specification

Examiner's remarks are quoted below in small block type.

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the specification (p. 2-3 and 10) makes reference to an ATCC Accession Number that is not provided. Applicant is advised to review the entire specification for similar errors. Correction is required.

The specification has been amended to ~~delete reference to an ATCC Accession Number.~~ \*

3. The use of the trademark Taqman has been noted in this application (p. 13-14 and 119). It should be capitalized wherever it appears and be accompanied by the generic terminology. Although the use of trademarks is permissible in patent applications, the proprietary nature of the marks should be respected and every effort made to prevent their use in any manner which might adversely affect their validity as trademarks.

The specification has been amended to note the trademark Taqman.

4. The disclosure is objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code (p.14 and 17. Applicant is required to delete the embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. See MPEP § 608.01.

Embedded hyperlinks have been deleted from the specification.

5. This application filed under former 37 CFR 1.62 lacks the necessary reference to the prior application. A statement reading "This is a continuation in part of Application No. 09/633300, filed 8 August 2000." should be entered following the title of the invention or as the first sentence of the specification. Also, the current status of the parent nonprovisional application(s) should be included.

The statement cross-referencing prior applications has been amended to recite 09/633,300.